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NICARAGUA.

Report from Bluefields—Fruit port.

BLUEFIELDS, NICARAGUA, September 12, 1901.

SIR : I have to make the following report of the conditions and transactions at this port during the week ended September 12, 1901 :

Population, according to census of 1894, 3,000 ; present officially estimated population, 4,000. Number of cases and deaths from yellow fever during the week, none ; number of cases and deaths from smallpox during the week, none ; number of cases and deaths from typhus fever during the week, none ; number of cases and deaths from cholera during the week, none ; number of cases and deaths from plague during the week, none ; number of deaths from other causes during the week, 1. Prevailing diseases, the usual mild type of malarial fever and gastro-enteric disorders, mainly dysentery. General sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week remained good. One death occurred in this port on the 5th instant, a colored female, age 48 years, due to malarial fever with complications.

Bill of health was issued to the following vessel : September 8, steamship *Ulstein*; crew, 16 ; passengers from this port, none ; passengers in transit, none ; pieces of baggage disinfected, none.

Respectfully,

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PORTO RICO.

Report from San Juan and subports.

SAN JUAN, P. R., September 6, 1901.

SIR : I have the honor to submit herewith the following report of the transactions of the Service at this and the 6 subports of the island of Porto Rico for the month of August, 1901 :

San Juan.—Number of vessels inspected, 14 ; number of bills of health issued, 20 ; number of pieces of baggage disinfected, 78 ; number of vessels disinfected, none ; number of persons vaccinated, none ; number of sacks of mail disinfected, 3.

The German steamship *Hercynia*, from Haiti, Colon, Cartagena, Port Limon, and St. Thomas arrived here on the morning of the 2d instant. She carried no bills of health except from St. Thomas, and was placed in quarantine with guards on board while she remained in port.

The French steamship *Olinde Rodrigues* from St. Marc, Port au Prince, Gonaives, Cape Haitien, and Porto Plata entered on the 16th instant. All passengers for this port, 37 in number, presented satisfactory evidence of immunity and were permitted to land. Fourty-four pieces of baggage and 3 sacks of mail were taken from the vessels to the island and subjected to disinfection. The vessel while at this port was held in quarantine under guard.

On the 18th instant the Spanish steamship *Ciudad de Cadiz* arrived from Havana, Port Limon, Colon, Sabanilla, Puerto Cabello, and Ponce. All passengers for Porto Rico brought by this vessel were immune and were, therefore, allowed to land. The vessel was held in quarantine, under guard, while here. Eleven pieces of baggage taken on at Colon were disinfected at the quarantine station here.